

What is claimed is:

1.

A method of treating thrombosis in animals comprising the steps of:
introducing a pharmaceutical composition to a thrombus site by intravenous injection, said pharmaceutical composition comprising a plurality of gas filled microbubbles with a diameter of from about .1 to 10 microns and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, and thereafter;
applying ultrasound to said site.

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The method of claim 1 wherein said gas is an insoluble gas.

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The method of claim 1 wherein said microbubbles are protein coated.

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The method of claim 1 wherein said carrier is a 5% solution of dextrose.

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The method of claim 3 wherein said protein coated microspheres are albumin coated microspheres.

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The method of claim 2 wherein said insoluble gas is selected from the group consisting of perfluoromethane, perfluoroethane, perfluoropropane, perfluorobutane and perfluoropentane.

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The method of claim 6 wherein said perfluorocarbon gas is perfluorobutane.

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The method of claim 6 wherein said perfluorocarbon gas is perfluoropropane.

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The method of claim 1 further comprising the following steps:
mixing an aqueous solution comprising 2% to about 10% by weight of human serum albumin diluted about two fold to about eight fold with 5% to 50% by weight dextrose; and

exposing said solution to a sonication horn to generate stable microbubbles from about .1 to 10 microns in diameter, to create said pharmaceutical composition.

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The method of claim 7 wherein said dilution of albumin with dextrose is a 3-fold dilution.

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The method of claim 7 wherein said human serum albumin is a 5% by weight solution.

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The method of claim 7 wherein said dextrose is a 5% by weight solution.

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A method for treating thrombosis in animals comprising:

(a) obtaining a pharmaceutical composition which consists essentially of:

a solution of stable microbubbles
aproximately .1 to 10 microns in diameter,
and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier;

- (b) introducing said pharmaceutical composition to said thrombus; and
- (c) exposing said pharmaceutical composition and said thrombus to an ultrasound field for a time sufficient to lyse said thrombus.

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The method of claim 13 wherein said step of introducing said agent to said thrombus is by intravenous injection.

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The method of claim 13 wherein said dextrose is a 5% solution.

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The method of claim 13 wherein said protein coated microbubbles are albumin coated microspheres.

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The method of claim 13 wherein said perfluorocarbon gas is selected from the group consisting of perfluoromethane, perfluoroethane, perfluoropropane, perfluorobutane and perfluoropentane.

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The method of claim 17 wherein said perfluorocarbon gas is perfluorobutane.

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The method of claim 17 wherein said perfluorocarbon gas is perfluoropropane.

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The method of claim 13 wherein said further comprising the following steps:
mixing an aqueous solution comprising 2% to about 10% by weight of human serum albumin diluted about two fold to about eight fold with 5% to 50% by weight dextrose; and
exposing said solution to a sonication horn to create cavitation at particulate sites in said solution generating stable microspheres from about .1 to 10 microns in diameter, to form said pharmaceutical composition.

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A method for lysing a thrombus in an animal comprising:

introducing a pharmaceutical composition to said animal by intravenous injection near a thrombus site, said pharmaceutical composition comprising a microbubble ultrasound contrast agent, and thereafter;
applying ultrasound to said site.

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A method for lysing a thrombus in an animal comprising:

introducing a pharmaceutical composition to said animal by intravenous injection near a thrombus site, said pharmaceutical composition comprising a microbubble ultrasound contrast agent, and thereafter;
applying ultrasound to said site.

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